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COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Summary of Revised Estimates - January 1955 to June 1956

More accurate estimates of commercial poultry slaughter have been developed through the application of improved statistical procedures for assembling and analyzing data provided to the Department of Agriculture by poultry slaughter plants. The weekly reports currently issued by the Department incorporate these improvements. To make the current reports more useful, revised weekly estimates for January 1955 through June 1956 are presented herewith. These data are directly comparable with the estimates now being issued.

Table 1.--Estimated commercial poultry slaughter, live weight, United States, by weeks, 1956<sup>1/</sup>

Week ending	Chickens			Turkeys					Other poultry			All poultry	
	Young, all	Hens and cocks	Total	Fryer-roasters	Heavy breeds		Light breed hens and toms	Total	Ducks	Geese			
					Hens	Toms							
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
Jan. 7	53,717	5,983	59,700	355	258	3,911	209	4,733	147	2	64,582		
14	63,038	6,017	69,055	617	179	2,967	312	4,075	150	2/	73,280		
21	67,176	5,205	72,381	577	186	2,707	215	5,685	152	2/	76,219		
28	63,691	5,270	68,961	458	224	2,381	146	3,209	141	2/	72,311		
Feb. 4	59,514	6,227	65,741	420	193	1,564	192	2,369	150	2/	68,260		
11	58,273	7,004	65,277	538	198	712	266	1,714	146	2/	67,137		
18	61,768	6,214	67,982	964	147	784	213	2,108	133	2/	70,223		
25	63,002	5,451	68,433	475	85	476	55	1,091	138	2/	69,663		
Mar. 3	62,090	5,513	67,603	811	80	294	281	1,466	160	-	69,230		
10	60,442	5,530	65,972	927	61	513	114	1,615	111	2/	67,698		
17	62,131	4,891	67,022	1,561	73	265	460	2,359	244	-	69,625		
24	62,119	6,243	68,362	1,963	100	190	298	2,551	220	2/	71,133		
31	63,313	6,623	69,936	1,954	210	192	448	2,804	314	-	73,054		
Apr. 7	61,930	5,066	66,996	968	238	77	146	1,429	408	2/	68,833		
14	69,927	5,055	74,982	1,525	275	148	232	2,180	481	2/	77,643		
21	72,835	5,955	78,790	1,471	309	117	391	2,288	1,261	2/	82,339		
28	67,840	6,701	74,541	1,969	712	282	245	3,208	1,217	2/	78,966		
May 5	71,040	8,112	79,152	1,874	.864	416	340	3,514	1,239	2/	83,905		
12	75,173	7,426	82,599	2,242	1,903	713	473	5,331	1,443	-	89,373		
19	72,444	7,503	79,917	1,683	2,813	791	963	6,250	1,316	2/	87,483		
26	79,427	7,792	87,219	2,477	2,822	835	144	6,548	1,330	2/	95,097		
June 2	69,306	7,830	77,136	1,164	5,648	665	534	5,811	1,386	2/	84,332		
9	80,908	9,531	90,439	1,164	2,986	822	385	5,657	1,474	2/	97,570		
16	83,362	8,785	92,117	1,859	3,058	951	714	6,582	1,574	-	100,103		
23	80,831	10,289	90,920	1,841	3,016	705	514	6,076	1,116	4	98,416		
30	85,061	11,009	96,070	2,505	2,425	1,105	294	6,329	1,396	-	103,795		

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2/ Less than 500 pounds.

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This report has been prepared by the Poultry Section, Market Organization and Costs Branch, Marketing Research Division, as a part of a research project on development of the Weekly Commercial Poultry Slaughter Report.

Table 2.--Estimated commercial poultry slaughter, live weight, United States, by weeks, 1955<sup>1/</sup>

Week ending	Chickens			Fryer-roasters	Turkeys			Other poultry			All poultry		
	Young, all	Hens and cocks	Total		Heavy breed		Light breed hens and toms	Total	Ducks	Geese			
					Hens	Toms							
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds		
Jan. 8	50,266	7,925	58,191	704	404	4,710	229	5,047	107	1	44,346		
15	50,020	8,864	58,884	869	489	5,718	427	5,503	108	2/	64,495		
22	43,142	7,495	50,637	1,246	449	2,665	277	4,637	127	3	55,404		
29	45,612	7,235	52,847	493	357	1,171	167	2,188	142	2/	55,177		
Feb. 5	45,390	5,759	51,149	926	174	1,217	232	2,549	109	2/	53,807		
12	47,123	6,310	53,433	883	293	637	201	2,014	106	2/	55,553		
19	45,859	4,870	50,729	1,243	302	510	263	2,318	100	2/	53,147		
26	46,029	4,952	50,981	748	95	179	104	1,126	131	2/	52,238		
Mar. 5	42,695	4,787	47,482	825	117	264	86	1,292	167	2/	48,941		
12	42,054	4,540	46,594	1,013	157	134	288	1,592	126	1	48,313		
19	42,947	4,578	47,525	1,070	143	106	290	1,609	135	-	49,209		
26	43,597	4,711	48,308	2,356	122	47	190	2,715	175	2/	51,198		
Apr. 2	45,519	6,327	51,846	3,085	263	88	228	3,664	158	2/	55,608		
9	47,180	6,640	53,820	2,931	276	105	317	3,629	897	-	58,146		
16	48,654	5,360	54,014	2,595	150	99	95	2,939	1,179	-	58,132		
23	53,918	5,685	59,603	2,041	312	112	285	2,750	1,449	2/	62,802		
30	59,387	6,118	65,505	2,360	726	267	287	3,640	1,379	2/	70,524		
May 7	61,564	7,563	69,127	2,238	1,136	304	382	4,060	1,351	-	74,538		
14	62,338	7,295	69,633	2,294	2,118	532	468	5,412	1,426	2/	76,471		
21	62,348	7,400	69,748	2,390	2,681	636	338	6,045	1,492	-	77,285		
28	63,935	8,133	72,068	2,193	2,853	650	552	6,254	1,393	2/	79,715		
June 4	56,634	7,610	64,244	1,714	3,315	812	202	6,043	1,261	2/	71,548		
11	63,962	9,193	73,155	1,669	3,116	994	410	6,219	1,565	-	80,939		
18	61,118	8,315	72,433	1,711	2,133	800	140	5,150	1,045	2/	79,234		
25	65,404	7,722	73,120	2,166	1,735	868	468	5,237	1,660	95	80,118		
July 2	68,443	8,346	76,789	1,970	2,057	1,220	113	5,360	1,606	100	83,855		
9	57,685	7,946	65,631	954	1,040	927	305	3,226	1,260	106	70,223		
16	64,498	11,157	75,655	1,298	1,848	1,011	929	5,686	1,767	101	83,209		
23	61,460	14,402	75,922	1,902	2,180	1,258	826	6,166	1,553	86	85,727		
30	61,709	13,710	75,419	1,421	2,395	2,720	943	7,479	1,454	2/	84,552		
Aug. 6	61,776	14,524	76,100	1,580	3,164	1,454	725	7,223	1,430	66	81,819		
13	62,951	13,702	76,653	1,817	4,456	2,870	743	9,286	1,468	96	88,103		
20	61,373	12,988	74,361	1,940	4,597	3,889	759	11,185	1,331	100	80,977		
27	61,039	10,813	74,852	1,965	6,225	5,929	904	15,023	1,280	-	91,155		
Sept. 3	65,235	12,090	77,325	2,339	7,385	5,290	723	15,737	1,088	-	94,150		
10	60,508	11,823	72,331	2,216	6,282	1,293	830	16,621	1,016	97	90,065		
17	64,814	15,591	80,405	2,506	9,087	8,765	1,123	21,481	1,091	104	103,081		
25	66,033	14,198	80,231	2,093	9,806	10,290	1,000	25,189	967	96	104,183		
Oct. 1	68,408	15,772	84,180	2,701	9,401	11,079	1,045	24,670	941	105	109,902		
8	69,150	17,780	86,930	2,389	11,039	15,101	2,244	30,743	740	95	118,513		
15	67,518	17,901	85,419	3,025	12,291	20,368	1,871	37,555	648	85	123,707		
22	66,771	17,919	84,720	2,226	12,164	22,025	1,560	37,741	526	110	125,097		
29	71,150	18,997	90,147	2,589	12,059	24,744	1,525	40,927	418	164	131,656		
Nov. 5	69,979	19,945	89,924	2,006	10,949	28,137	1,489	42,581	311	289	133,105		
12	64,896	18,555	83,451	2,470	13,755	30,765	1,278	48,268	274	263	132,256		
19	57,157	15,165	72,322	3,332	16,897	32,440	2,211	55,916	276	272	128,786		
26	38,155	10,528	48,683	1,786	8,678	20,784	1,140	32,388	228	112	81,411		
Dec. 3	57,902	10,421	68,323	1,929	8,955	28,158	1,208	40,250	178	212	108,963		
10	61,524	11,505	73,029	2,045	10,596	27,950	2,022	42,593	190	116	115,926		
17	61,248	10,373	71,621	2,438	8,379	25,618	2,095	38,530	197	127	110,475		
24	49,097	9,688	58,785	1,406	4,350	12,021	1,667	19,647	191	28	78,651		
31	49,790	6,257	50,047	734	898	6,557	322	8,511	143	16	64,717		

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